



19 June 2026

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. ... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dear Parent / Carer,

This week's newsletter is in dedication to one of our former students. It was with immense sadness that we heard last week of the tragic death of PC Jessica Turnbull. If there was anyone who truly embodied our values of Ambition, Respect and Community then it was Jess. She was a lovely, hard working and friendly student who always had a smile on her face and quietly got on with her work.

Mr. Patrick and I laid flowers outside Northumbria Police Headquarters, Wallsend on behalf of the school community to pay our respects.

Jess always had something to give – she was a fantastic student and an even better person. Football was one of her passions and it was a pleasure to have her as part of the school team. Those who taught her P.E. remember her to be an incredibly modest and talented player who always supported her teammates. She was kind, thoughtful, and consistently went the extra mile to help others.

Often, we look further afield for role models, but Jess is a reminder that they are often much closer to home than we realise.

Our thoughts are with her family, friends and colleagues at this sad time.

Best wishes,

Mr. P. Douthwaite

Headteacher

Student support and safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Louise Dunn
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Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time.
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Key dates and the half term ahead (Please check the school website for updates)

June

Year 10 Mock exams in lessons – **Week beginning Monday 20th June**

Year 11 Leavers Assembly – **Wednesday 23rd June 9am**

School closed for Training Day – Friday 26th June

Year 8 Progress Report to Parents - **Monday 29th June**

Year 6 Induction Day – **Monday 29th June**

Year 6 and new Year 9 Family **Meetings** – **Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July**

July

Year 10 Villiers Park Residential Leaves – **Thursday 2nd July**

Year 11 into Sixth Form Parent Information evening – **Tuesday 2nd July 5-6pm**

Year 13 English Trip to Stratford Leaves – **Monday 6th July returns Wednesday 8th July**

Year 10 Tapas Trip – **Thursday 9th July**

School Summer Concert – **Thursday 9th July 6.30pm**

Year 12 Biology Practical Trip to Seaton Sluice – **Thursday 9th July**

Year 7 Progress Report 3 to Parents – **Monday 13th July**

Year 12 Work Experience Week begins – **Monday 13th July**

Sports Day – **Wednesday 15th July**

Rewards Afternoon – **Thursday 16th July**

Year 10 Progress Report 3 to Parents – **Friday 17th July**

School Closes for Summer – Friday 17th July

August Results Days

A Level Results Day – **Thursday 13th August**

GCSE Results Day – **Thursday 20th August**

September

School closed for Training Day – Tuesday 1st September

School reopens for Year 7 and Year 12 – Wednesday 2nd September

School reopens for ALL – Thursday 3rd September